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9 January 1947

Chairman, Security Advisory Board Room 711 - 515-22nd Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to the attention of the Director of Central Intelligence that SWNCC 335 which the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee approved by informal action on 14 November 1946, and which provides for the revision of previous memoranda issued by the War and Navy Departments to insure that documentary and related security matters, pertaining to any non-military federal department or agency, be referred to the Security Advisory Board.

while the Central Intelligence Group is a non-military agency of the government, its relationship to the War and Navy Departments is of a very special nature, and the same may be said with regard to its relationship to the State Department and certain other federal departments and agencies. For that reason, the Director does not believe that the provisions of SWHCC 335 should be considered as applying to the Central Intelligence Group. He would appreciate your taking such steps as may be necessary to so inform the War and Navy Departments and such other agencies as you may deem appropriate in order that the position of the Central Intelligence Group in this matter may be fully protected.

Very truly yours,

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